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For: **GANGABLE ELECTRICAL
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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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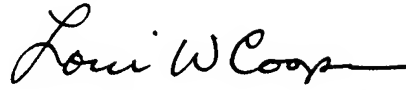
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Dear Sir:

On November 10, 2004, the applicant held a telephonic interview with Examiner Estrada, at his request, to discuss claims 16-19 and 22. The Examiner indicated that he would allow the application if applicants would cancel claims 16-19 and 22. With respect to claims 16 and 17, it was the Examiner's position that the term "stop" used in the remaining claims was the same as the term "member" used in claims 16-17. Moreover, the Examiner's position was consistent with his May 28, 2004 office action, where he rejected the same claims based upon double patenting. It was the applicants' position that the terms "member" and "stop" were different, but the Examiner emphatically stated that they were not different, and that a stop could be any type of member, not just the "stop" as disclosed in the specification. Based upon the Examiner's statements, applicants agreed to cancel claims 16-17, believing that the pending claims had a scope consistent with the canceled claims.

In the interview summary, the Examiner stated that the applicant decided to cancel claims 16 and 17 in order to expedite prosecution. This is only partly true. As stated above, applicant agreed to cancel claims 16-19 and 22 because of applicants' belief that the term "stop" encompassed the term "member".

Respectfully submitted,



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